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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : PASCAULT, Jean-Pierre, et al.  
U.S. Application No. : 09/937,551  
Confirmation No. : 2290  
International Appln. No. : PCT/FR00/00740  
International Filing Date : March 24, 2000  
Claimed Priority Date : March 31, 1999  
For : Crosslinked Acrylic Microparticles, Process for Preparing Them  
and Uses Thereof in Coatings and Moulding Products

## CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

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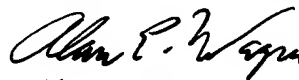
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Dear Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER CFR § 1.121(C)

Please replace claims 1-26 with replacement claims 1-28 submitted on the attached sheets under 37 CFR § 1.121(C). The amendments to the claims eliminate all multiple dependencies, provide technical changes to conform the claim language to standard U.S. practice and add new claims 27 and 28. No new matter is added by the claims amendments. The amendments are illustrated by the attached redlined version of the amended claims.

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